

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

TENTATIVE NEGATIVE DECLARATION Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c)

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Project Title:

Adoption of Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges in the San Diego Region

Lead Agency/Applicant:

Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board)
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Project Location:

The San Diego Region encompasses most of San Diego County, parts of southwestern Riverside County, and southwestern Orange County.

Project Description:

The project entails the adoption of Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges in the San Diego Region (Order).¹ The Order will cover the following waiver discharge classifications: Discharges from On-site Disposal Systems; Low-Threat Discharges to Land; Discharged from On-Site Graywater Disposal Systems, Discharges of Recycled Water to Land, Miscellaneous "Low Threat" Discharges to Land, Discharges of Winery Process Water to Lined Evaporation Ponds at Small Wineries, Discharges of Waste to Land at Composting Facilities, Discharges from Silvicultural Operations, Discharges from Animal Operations, Discharges from Aquatic Animal Production Facilities, Discharges of Slurries to Land, Discharges/Disposal of Solid Waste to Land, Aerially Discharged Waste Overland, and Discharges of Emergency/Disaster Related Wastes.

The intent of the Order is to require implementation of effective management measures and structural and non-structural best management practices to address potential impacts associated with storm water run on and runoff, wastes, and wastewaters discharged from facilities or operations located within the San Diego Region.

¹ The tentative Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges in the San Diego Region (Order) will be made available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/, on April 8, 2014.

The San Diego Water Board acting as lead agency is completing an environmental review process for the Order as required by the California Environmental Quality Act prior to adopting the Order.

Determination:

This document is considered draft until adopted by the San Diego Water Board. This Negative Declaration is comprised of this form along with the Initial Study that includes the completed Environmental Checklist Form.

The San Diego Water Board finds that:

1. The proposed Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis;
2. The proposed Negative Declaration, supported by the attached Initial Study, reflects the determination by the San Diego Water Board that a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the specific types of discharges covered by the Order will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The San Diego Water Board will consider adopting the proposed Negative Declaration at a regularly scheduled meeting of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board held on June 26, 2014.

Contact Information:

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